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City of Torrance Joins Los Angeles County Efforts to Distribute H1N1 Vaccination

Torrance, Calif., December 1, 2009 – On Monday, December 7, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the City of Torrance will join the Los Angeles County in distributing the H1N1 vaccine to high-risk populations. The H1N1 vaccine will be distributed at the Dee Hardison Sports Center located in the Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard. There will be no drive-up distributions; walk-up only.

Anyone interested in receiving a vaccine must fill out the form ahead of time, which is available online, <http://www.PublicHealth.LACounty.Gov>. The forms must be printed on standard white paper and brought to the site. Please note, filling it out a form *does not* guarantee the vaccine due to the limited supply of and the high demand for the vaccine. Priority is given to those within the high-risk populations specified by the Centers for Disease Control. The specified populations include: pregnant women, all people between the ages of 6 months to 24 years, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age and people ages 25 to 64 with chronic illnesses or compromised immune systems.

Due to the large crowd anticipated, the City of Torrance staff are prepared to ensure a coordinated and harmonious distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. The City is committed to the safety of its community and seeks the community's cooperation in this process. Please take note of the following suggestions in advance of arrival:

- Be ready to wait.
- Protect yourself from the elements with a hat, sunscreen or umbrella.
- Brings toys or games for your children to play with while waiting.
- Bring food and/or water
- Wear shoes that are comfortable for walking and standing.
- We encourage residents not to bring their pets unless absolutely necessary.

Only 2400 vaccines will be distributed at the Torrance site. The H1N1 vaccine will continue to be made available to the public as supplies arrive, so for continued updates about the H1N1 and other H1N1 vaccination clinics, visit www.PublicHealth.LACounty.Gov or call 2-1-1 from any phone within Los Angeles County.

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